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In re Application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS.**  
Minner, et al. : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/727,403 :  
Filed: November 30, 2000 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 23087-703 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed August 16, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned May 28, 2003 for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed February 27, 2003. The Notice set a three (3) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 were timely requested. Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 31, 2003.

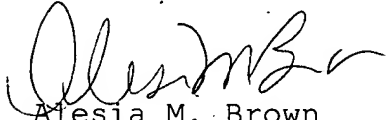
A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application will be forwarded to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alesia M. Brown', is positioned above the printed name.

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